

Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Alonzo Coby, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall, Idaho.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, with amendments; and

The nominations of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 2294–2340; 1 private bill, H.R. 2341; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50–51; H. Con. Res. 121–122; and H. Res. 414–423 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 23, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–99).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael Cummings, Burnt Swamp Association, Pembroke, North Carolina.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative LaTourette moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 359, providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 251) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG). (Discharge Petition No. 3).

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measure which was debated on Wednesday, May 6th:

*Recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions:* H. Res. 14, amended, to recognize the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and to commend the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the importance of the Department of Homeland Security, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in combating human smuggling and trafficking in persons, and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggling and trafficking prosecutions.”

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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**Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act:** The House passed H.R. 1728, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 242. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, May 6th.

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Agreed to the Sessions motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House